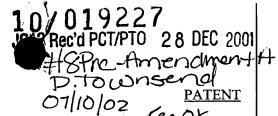
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees, please amend this application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 22 as presented in the International Preliminary Examination Report.

## **REMARKS**

Entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment courteously are solicited prior to or concurrent with calculation of the filing fees with respect to the claim set presented with the Preliminary Examination Report being filed herewith.

Examination on the merits is awaited.

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